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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule**  
LSA Document #22-76

Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends [312 IAC 3-1-7](#) to allow initial filings sent by electronic mail and to remove the deadline requirement for filings sent by electronic mail. Adds [312 IAC 3-1-7.5](#) governing a party's time to file a response or reply. Repeals [312 IAC 3-1-8](#). Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2273, at [nrcrules@nrc.in.gov](mailto:nrcrules@nrc.in.gov), or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through <https://www.in.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket/>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-2.5](#); [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 25-31.5-3-8](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-6](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-6](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-6\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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